

a blood component collection instrument for collecting a blood component from the blood component donor;

a system computer being operably connected to the blood component collection instrument, the system computer running a blood component collection application defining at least a portion of a blood component collection process, wherein the blood collection component application associates the blood component donor identifier with the operator; and,

an interface having a reader and being operably connected to the system computer for receiving the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier and transmitting the blood component donor identifier and operator identifier to the system computer, wherein the reader receives separate input of the of the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument.

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48. ⁴⁹ The system of claim 47, wherein the reader receives separate input of the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

49. ⁵⁰ The system of claim 47, wherein the blood component collection instrument further comprises a blood component collection instrument identifier, wherein the reader receives an input of the blood component collection instrument from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument, and wherein the blood collection component application associates the blood component collection instrument identifier with the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier.

50. ⁵¹ The system of claim 49, wherein the reader receives separate input of the blood component collection instrument identifier, the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

51. ⁵² The system of claim 49, further comprising:
a blood component collection kit having a blood component collection kit identifier wherein

the blood component collection kit identifier can be transmitted to the system computer for storing the blood component collection kit identifier in the memory and for associating the blood component collection kit identifier with at least one of the blood component donor identifier and the blood collection instrument identifier.

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52. The system of claim 51, wherein the reader receives separate input of the of the blood component collection kit identifier from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument.

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53. The system of claim 51, wherein the reader receives separate input of the blood component collection kit identifier, the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

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54. The system of claim 47, wherein the interface utilizes radio frequency to transmit to the system computer.

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55. The system of claim 47, further comprising:
a system communication conduit for operably connecting the system computer to the blood component collection instrument; and,
a system communication protocol for facilitating communication on the communication conduit between the system computer and the blood component collection instrument.

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56. The system of claim 55, wherein the system communication protocol is Ethernet.

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57. The system of claim 55, wherein the system communication protocol is TCP/IP.

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58. The system of claim 51, further comprising:
a network server being operably connected to the system computer via a network communication conduit; and

a web interface being operably connected to the system computer for facilitating access to the blood component collection process, wherein the interface receives data from the system computer.

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59. The system of claim 51, further comprising a web server being operably connected to the system computer and operably responsive to a web browser wherein the information stored in the system computer can be accessed.

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60. The system of claim 51, wherein the reader comprises a touch pad for receiving the operator identifier, the blood component collection instrument identifier, the blood component collection kit identifier or the blood component donor identifier.

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61. The system of claim 51, wherein the reader comprises a keypad for receiving the operator identifier, the blood component collection instrument identifier, the blood component collection kit identifier or the blood component donor identifier.

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62. The system of claim 51, wherein the reader comprises an optical scanner for receiving the operator identifier, the blood component collection instrument identifier, the blood component collection kit identifier or the blood component donor identifier.

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63. The system of claim 51, wherein the reader comprises a magnetic scanner for receiving the operator identifier, the blood component collection instrument identifier, the blood component collection kit identifier or the blood component donor identifier.

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64. A computer readable medium having computer program code stored thereon, the computer program code for managing a procedure in a blood component collection facility having a blood component collection instrument for collecting a blood component from a blood component donor, comprising:

a first code segment for receiving a blood component donor identifier corresponding to a blood component donor;

a second code segment for receiving an operator identifier corresponding to a blood component collection instrument operator;

a third code segment for performing at least a portion of a blood component collection process;

a fourth code segment for associating the blood component donor identifier with the operator; and,

a fifth code segment for receiving the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier from an interface having a reader, wherein the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier are receivable from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument.

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65. The computer readable medium of claim 64, wherein the input of the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier are received proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

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66. The computer readable medium of claim 64, further comprising:
a code segment for receiving a blood component collection instrument identifier, wherein the blood component collection instrument identifier is received from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument, and,
a code segment for associating the blood component collection instrument identifier with the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier.

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67. The computer readable medium of claim 66, wherein separate input of the blood component collection instrument identifier, the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier are receivable proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

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68. The computer readable medium of Claim 66 further comprising:
a code segment for receiving a blood component collection kit identifier wherein the blood component collection kit identifier can be transmitted to the system computer for storing the blood

component collection kit identifier in the memory and for associating the blood component collection kit identifier with at least one of the blood component donor identifier and the blood collection instrument identifier.

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69. The computer readable medium of claim 68, wherein a separate input of the blood component collection kit identifier is receivable from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument.

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70. The computer readable medium of claim 68, wherein the reader receives separate input of the blood component collection kit identifier, the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

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71. A method for managing a procedure in a blood component collection facility having a blood component collection instrument for collecting a blood component from a blood component donor, the method comprising:

receiving a blood component donor identifier corresponding to a blood component donor;
receiving an operator identifier corresponding to a blood component collection instrument operator;

performing at least a portion of a blood component collection process;
associating the blood component donor identifier with the operator; and,
receiving the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier from an interface having a reader, wherein the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier are receivable from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument.

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72. The method of claim 71, wherein the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier are received proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

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73. The method claim 71, further comprising:

receiving a blood component collection instrument identifier, wherein the blood component collection instrument identifier is received from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument, and,

associating the blood component collection instrument identifier with the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier.

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74. The method of claim 73, wherein separate input of the blood component collection instrument identifier, the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier are receivable proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.

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75. The method of claim 71, further comprising the step of receiving a blood component collection kit identifier wherein the blood component collection kit identifier can be transmitted to the system computer for storing the blood component collection kit identifier in the memory and for associating the blood component collection kit identifier with at least one of the blood component donor identifier and the blood collection instrument identifier.

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76. The method of claim 75, wherein a separate input of the blood component collection kit identifier is receivable from a location proximate the blood component collection instrument.

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77. The computer readable medium of claim 71, wherein the reader receives separate input of the blood component collection kit identifier, the blood component donor identifier and the operator identifier proximate in time one from the other and prior to blood component collection.